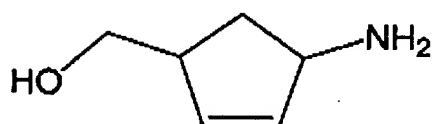


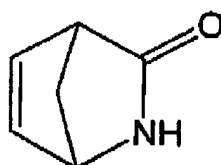
AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of an amino alcohol of the formula



~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of the step of reducing 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one of the formula



with lithium borohydride to form the aminoalcohol, wherein the nitrogen atom of the 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one is not protected.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reducing step is carried out at a temperature of from -20 to 200° C.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reducing step is carried out in a solvent selected from the group consisting of an aprotic organic solvent, protic organic solvent, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reducing step is carried out in the presence of an additive selected from the group consisting of water and univalent and polyvalent C₁₋₆ alcohols.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The process of claim 3, wherein the reducing step is carried out at a temperature of from 60 to 150° C.

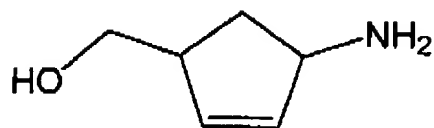
Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The process of claim 1, wherein the 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one is (1R,4S)-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one, (1S,4R)-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one, or a mixture thereof and the aminoalcohol is (1R,4S)-1-amino-4-(hydroxymethyl)-2-cyclopentene, (1S,4R)-1-amino-4-(hydroxymethyl)-2-cyclopentene, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The process of claim 19, wherein the 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one is a racemic mixture and the aminoalcohol is a racemic mixture.

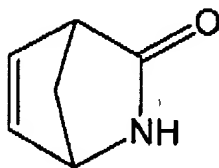
Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The process of claim 19, wherein the 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one is (1R,4S)-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one and the aminoalcohol formed is (1R,4S)-1-amino-4-(hydroxymethyl)-2-cyclopentene.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The process of claim 19, wherein the 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one is (1S,4R)-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one and the aminoalcohol formed is (1S,4R)-1-amino-4-(hydroxymethyl)-2-cyclopentene.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of an aminoalcohol of the formula



comprising consisting essentially of the step of reacting 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one of the formula



with lithium borohydride to form the aminoalcohol, wherein the nitrogen atom of the 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one is not protected.